

International Visitor Leadership Program



PROJECT THEMES:

- » Civic Education
- » Combating Trafficking in Persons
- » Countering Violent Extremism
- » Democracy
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- » Environmental Protection
- » Food Security and Safety
- » Global Health
- » Human Rights
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- » National Security
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- » Volunteerism
- » Women's Leadership
- » Youth Leadership

The International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) is the U.S. Department of State's premier professional exchange program. Through short-term exchanges with interlocutors in the United States, current and emerging foreign leaders in a variety of fields develop lasting relationships with their American counterparts. Meetings reflect the participants' professional interests and support the foreign policy goals of the United States. IVLP participants are nominated and selected by diplomats at U.S. missions abroad.

Since 1940, the IVLP, with the help of a dedicated network of partner organizations, has introduced over 225,000 participants to communities throughout the United States.

WHO MANAGES THE IVLP?

The U.S. Department of State administers the IVLP in cooperation with a group of non-profit organizations based in Washington D.C. along with community-based non-profit organizations across the country that are members of the Global Ties U.S. network.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF IVLP?

- » More than 500 IVLP participants have become heads of state or government and thousands of others have become leaders in their respective fields, evidence that the IVLP is an opportunity for American communities and policy makers to develop relationships with emerging leaders and build long-term influence through networking.
- » Through visits to a variety of U.S. communities, the IVLP enables meaningful people-to-people interactions between foreigners and Americans, building cultural bridges and strengthening citizen diplomacy.
- » The IVLP allows participants to explore issues in the U.S. context, meet American professional counterparts, learn more about U.S. society, and understand American values.



HOW ARE U.S. PROFESSIONALS & CITIZEN DIPLOMATS ENGAGED IN THIS WORK?

There are currently more than 80 members of the Global Ties U.S. network of community-based organizations, serving all 50 states and engaging over 30,000 volunteers to develop in-person and virtual professional programs, arrange cultural activities, and provide home hospitality experiences for International Visitors.

HOW CAN I BE A PART OF THIS WORK?

To get involved and expand your world, visit eca.state.gov/ivlp or the Global Ties U.S. website at globaltiesus.org.

